

Section 1.—Census Statistics of General Population

Since the creation of the Dominion of Canada in 1867, decennial censuses have been taken as of the dates Apr. 2, 1871, Apr. 4, 1881, Apr. 5, 1891, Apr. 1, 1901, June 1, 1911, 1921, 1931 and June 2, 1941. Summary figures are given in Tables 1-7.

1.—Population of Canada, by Provinces and Territories, Census Years 1871-1941

NOTE.—The populations of the Prairie Provinces in 1906, 1916, 1926 and 1936, are shown at p. 147 of the 1937 Year Book. For intercensal estimated populations, see table at p. 141.

Province or Territory	1871	1881	1891	1901	1911	1921	1931	1941
P.E. Island.....	94,021	108,891	109,078	103,259	93,728	88,615	88,038	95,047
Nova Scotia.....	387,800	440,572	450,396	459,574	492,338	523,837	512,846	577,962
New Brunswick...	285,594	321,233	321,263	331,120	351,889	387,876	408,219	457,401
Quebec.....	1,191,516	1,359,027	1,488,535	1,648,898	2,005,776 ¹	2,360,510 ^{2,3}	2,874,662 ³	3,331,882
Ontario.....	1,620,851	1,926,922	2,114,321	2,182,947	2,527,292 ¹	2,933,662 ³	3,431,683	3,787,655
Manitoba.....	25,228	62,260	152,506	255,211	461,394 ¹	610,118	700,139	729,744
Saskatchewan.....	—	—	—	91,279	492,432	757,510	921,785	895,992
Alberta.....	—	—	—	73,022	374,295 ⁴	588,454	731,605	796,169
British Columbia..	36,247	49,459	98,173	178,657	392,480	524,582	694,263	817,861
Yukon.....	—	—	—	27,219	8,512	4,157	4,230	4,914
N.W.T. ⁵	48,000	56,446	98,967	20,129	6,507 ⁴	8,143 ³	9,316 ³	12,028
Canada.....	3,689,257	4,324,810	4,833,239	5,371,315	7,206,643	8,787,949²	10,376,786	11,506,655

¹ Corrected as a result of the Boundaries Extension Acts, 1912. ² Revised in accordance with the Labrador Award of the Privy Council, Mar. 1, 1927. The total for Canada includes 485 members of the Royal Canadian Navy who were recorded separately in 1921. ³ Revised since the publication of the 1942 Year Book. ⁴ Corrected by transfer of population of Fort Smith (3(8) to the Northwest Territories. ⁵ The decreases shown in the population of the Northwest Territories since 1891 are due to the separation therefrom of vast areas to form Alberta, Saskatchewan and Yukon and to extend the boundaries of Quebec, Ontario and Manitoba.

2.—Percentage Distribution of Canadian Population, by Provinces and Territories, 1871-1941

Province or Territory	1871	1881	1891	1901	1911	1921	1931	1941
	p. c.	p. c.	p. c.	p. c.	p. c.	p. c.	p. c.	p. c.
P.E. Island.....	2.55	2.52	2.25	1.92	1.30	1.01	0.85	0.83
Nova Scotia.....	10.51	10.19	9.32	8.56	6.83	5.96	4.94	5.02
New Brunswick...	7.74	7.43	6.65	6.16	4.88	4.41	3.94	3.97
Quebec.....	32.30	31.42	30.80	30.70	27.83 ¹	26.86 ²	27.70	28.96
Ontario.....	43.94	44.56	43.74	40.64	35.07 ¹	33.39	33.07	32.92
Manitoba.....	0.68	1.44	3.16	4.75	6.40 ¹	6.94	6.75	6.34
Saskatchewan.....	—	—	—	1.70	6.84	8.62	8.88	7.79
Alberta.....	—	—	—	1.36	5.19 ⁴	6.70	7.05	6.92
British Columbia..	0.98	1.14	2.03	3.33	5.45	5.97	6.69	7.11
Yukon.....	—	—	—	0.51	0.12	0.05	0.04	0.04
N.W.T. ⁵	1.30	1.30	2.05	0.37	0.09 ^{1,4}	0.09	0.09	0.10
Canada.....	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00²	100.00	100.00

For footnotes, see end of Table 1.